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of
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The objective of the CalFresh program is to improve the health and well-being of qualified households and individuals by providing a means to meet nutritional needs. The CalFresh Household Characteristics Survey presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals and households who received CalFresh benefits during Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 – (October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014). Data for this report were taken from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that included a random sample of 5,645 CalFresh households. As with all sample data, the information in this report is subject to sampling and non-sampling errors.¹ Because the estimates in this report have margins of error, they should be interpreted with caution. In addition, the data in this report do not reflect the impact of more recent policy changes.

Enrollment in CalFresh increased by 100,000 statewide from 1.9 million households participating in 2013 to two million households participating in 2014. This is likely due to a combination of policy changes, increased outreach and awareness, and continuing challenges in the economy.

This report presents the characteristics of the recipient population including age, gender, race and ethnicity. The distribution by race and ethnicity of heads of households shows that 40.3 percent were Hispanic, 30.3 percent were White, 19.3 percent were Black and 10 percent were Asian or Pacific Islander, or fell in the “Other” category. .

The survey results show head of household patterns based on gender and age. Sixty-nine percent of the CalFresh households were headed by females and the remaining 31 percent by males. The proportion of female headed households was four percentage points higher than in FFY 2013. The study found that a significant majority (93 percent) of CalFresh recipients were United States citizens. The remaining seven percent were legally present non-citizens. Between FFY 2013 and FFY 2014 the proportion of citizens decreased by one percentage point and that of non-citizens increased by one percentage point. More than half (53 percent) of recipients were children; two percentage points lower than in FFY 2013.

¹ **Sampling error** is a statistical error caused due to working with sample data rather than population or census data. Using sample data presents the risk that results found in an analysis may not represent the results that would be obtained from using data involving the entire population from which the sample was derived. **Non-sampling errors** are statistical errors caused by human error to which a specific statistical analysis is exposed. These errors can include, but are not limited to, data entry errors, biased questions in a questionnaire, biased data processing, inappropriate analysis conclusions and false information provided by respondents.

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This report also examined the age distribution of the heads of CalFresh households, the age of recipient children, the proportion of elderly or disabled CalFresh heads of households as well as the average number of persons per household. It found that the average number of persons in CalFresh households (2.2 persons) was unchanged from the previous FFY. The average age of CalFresh heads of household increased from 38 years in FFY 2013 to 39 years in FFY 2014. The average age of recipient children was seven years in FFY2013, and remained unchanged in FFY 2014. The proportion of elderly or disabled CalFresh heads of household increased from 10 percent of all household heads in FFY 2013 to 15.7 percent in FFY 2014. This breaks down as elderly (8.6%), disabled (5.0%) and elderly and disabled (2.1%)

We also examined whether or not a CalFresh household was a child-only household. This showed that approximately six percent of the CalFresh households were single-person child-only households in FFY 2014 which is unchanged from the previous FFY. Child-only households are households that do not have an eligible adult living in the household. Thirty seven percent of CalFresh households were single-person households with no children.

Analysis of CalFresh household incomes showed that the majority (57 percent) of households have unearned incomes. This breaks down as 43 percent receiving the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, while the remaining 14 percent received general relief. An additional six percent received unemployment compensation. The proportion of CalFresh households on public assistance and general relief remained unchanged from the previous Federal Fiscal Year, while households receiving unemployment compensation decreased by four percentage points.

The proportion of CalFresh households that did not have earned incomes decreased from 79 percent in FFY 2013 to 75 percent in FFY 2014. Eighty-three percent of the CalFresh households with earned income were paid salaries or wages, which is unchanged from FFY 2013. This report's findings include the average net income used to determine the CalFresh allotment, which was \$488 in FFY 2013 and \$504 in FFY 2014. The proportion of CalFresh households whose eligibility was determined based on a zero net income increased from 58 percent in FFY 2013 to 61 percent in 2014.

The proportion of heads of household that completed 12 years or more of schooling increased from 65 percent in FFY 2013 to 68 percent in FFY 2014. The link between the level of education and earned income was also examined. We found that 62 percent of the CalFresh heads of household with less than 12 years of schooling reported zero net income. This proportion is higher than in FFY 2013 by five percentage points.

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The duration of stay in the program was also analyzed. We found that the average time on aid (23 months) remained unchanged from the previous Federal Fiscal Year. In the public assistance households, the average time on aid decreased from 33 months in FFY 2013 to 32 months in FFY 2014. Of the CalFresh households that received benefits continuously for seven to 12 months, 69 percent were Hispanic or White, 62 percent did not have a net income, and 70 percent had completed 12 years of schooling or higher. The average household size was 2.1 persons.

The average monthly CalFresh benefit decreased by 11 dollars between FFY 2013 (\$315) and FFY 2014 (\$304) and the average allowable excess shelter deduction increased by 34 dollars from \$492 in 2013 to \$526 in FFY 2014. The average child care deduction increased from \$271 in FFY 2013 to \$273 in FFY 2014.

The study also looked at living expenses incurred by CalFresh households. Seventy percent of CalFresh households reported a shelter cost. This is two percentage points lower than the proportion in the previous Federal Fiscal Year.

In conclusion, the CalFresh program continues to be a valuable resource for millions of families.

CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY INFORMATION

THE CALFRESH PROGRAM

The CalFresh program, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), provides monthly benefits that assist low-income households in purchasing the food they need to maintain adequate nutrition.

National eligibility standards and benefit levels are established by Congress, while national administration of the program is provided by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, which funds 100 percent of the benefits and half of the administrative costs. At the state level, CDSS is responsible for program supervision with county administration. The state pays 70 percent of the non-federal cost for administration and counties pay the remaining 30 percent.

Eligibility determination includes an assessment of income level, resources, residency, employment status and citizenship or legal immigrant status. Households in which all members receive CalWORKs benefits are considered categorically eligible for the CalFresh program (applicants are automatically eligible for CalFresh benefits if they are already receiving benefits from other specific low-income assistance programs). Public Assistance CalFresh (PACF) Household CalFresh household are households in which all members receive or are authorized to receive a cash benefit from a TANF or state-funded program. A Non-assistance CalFresh (NACF) Household is a CalFresh household in which none or less than all of its members also receive public assistance.

California's Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) recipients do not receive CalFresh benefits. Instead, they receive cash equivalent (cash-out) as part of their benefits.

PROGRAM CHANGES FOR FFY 2014

In FFY 2014, the CDSS implemented Senate Bill 855 (Chapter 29, Statutes of 2014). Effective July 1, 2014, all households with gross income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), must be conferred Modified Categorical Eligibility (MCE) status if they are issued or have online access to the TANF-funded "Family Planning – PUB 275" brochure and meet all other conditions of eligibility for CalFresh.

In California, 200 percent of the FPL has been established as the maximum gross income that a household (for the TANF-funded service, the PUB 275) can have in order to have MCE conferred through receipt of, or online access to, the PUB 275. If a household's gross income does not exceed 200 percent of the FPL, receipt of the PUB 275 exempts all resources in the determination of eligibility for households who meet all other CalFresh eligibility requirements. Receipt of the PUB 275, in and of itself, does not confer MCE status. Counties must document the case record, or otherwise identify the case, as MCE for quality control purposes. In addition, the case must be re-evaluated and documented for MCE at intake and recertification.

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SURVEY DISPLAY

This report presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals and households who received CalFresh benefits in FFY 2014. The data reflect information obtained from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by CDSS.

For comparison purposes, the tables in this publication display NACF and PACF data separately. Pie and bar charts have been included as a visual aid to assist the reader. Median and mean values have been computed for many of the tables. The median is the point in the data that divides the population into two equal halves. The mean is the average value of a set of numbers. In a normally distributed population, the mean and the median are fairly close to one another. When the population is not normally distributed, the median and mean values are different because such a population lacks a well-defined center point.

SURVEY TOOL

Quality control reviews are conducted by the staff of the CDSS Field Operations Bureau and of the Performance Measurement Counties (PMC) using the Research and Development Enterprise Project (RADEP). The RADEP is a web-based data collection and reporting tool that is used for federal reporting requirements, policy development, program evaluation and characteristics surveys.

The data in this report reflect characteristics of households receiving CalFresh benefits for at least one month during FFY 2014. The information was derived from review of case records, third party verifications and CalFresh recipient interviews, which were conducted to verify data in the files and to provide additional information that may not be found in the case records. The Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) file was used to supplement these data. In order to help case reviewers identify cases in RADEP, the existing CPS data is supplemented with MEDS data. The MEDS file contains 330 data fields on participants of publically subsidized programs that include personal information, demographics, aid codes, program status, county of services and other identifying information offering descriptive profiling to the CPS name, address, and eligibility status

SAMPLING INFORMATION

The sampled cases were drawn from a county CalFresh Monthly Issuance File. This file consisted of all certified eligible households that were issued CalFresh benefits in a particular month. Each month, a random sample of CalFresh household cases is drawn from the 19 PMCs. The sample of the 19 PMCs represents approximately 90 percent of the statewide sample. An additional sample is drawn from the remaining 39 counties as a whole. The total sample for FFY 2014 consisted of 5,645 cases.

CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY INFORMATION (continued)**DATA PRESENTATION**

The data in this publication were derived using statistical methodology to expand the number of sample cases to the actual number of CalFresh cases that received CalFresh benefits during the twelve-month period in FFY 2014. Since the sample was drawn from a household file (not persons), the person data were also expanded using statistically derived case weights. Due to sample expansion, the frequencies may or may not be the same as those found in other reports. Also, because of rounding, the frequencies may or may not add up to the totals vertically and/or horizontally. However, the differences are small and often not statistically significant.

RELIABILITY OF THE DATA

Since the information presented in the tables was based on a sample, it may differ somewhat from figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken. Comparison of data from multiple sources (sample reviews, county reports and comparable prior studies) shows the information to be quite reliable. However, as with all sample data, caution should be exercised in the interpretation of figures when based on a relatively small number of cases.

The CalFresh survey is based upon a random sample selection process that has a confidence level of 95 percent and a precision of plus or minus two percent.

CALFRESH RECIPIENT PROFILE

Like the population at large, the CalFresh population has a wide range of social and economic characteristics. The chart below shows the comparison of some of the key characteristics of the households receiving CalFresh in FFY 2002, FFY 2012, FFY 2013 and FFY 2014.

CHARACTERISTICS	FFY 2002	FFY 2012	FFY 2013	FFY 2014
Average age of head of household (years)	36.6	37.8	38.8	39.8
Average age of children (years)	8.3	7.5	7.4	7.5
Average number of persons per household	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.2
Average number of children per household	1.8	1.3	1.2	1.2
Percent of recipients that are United States citizens	90.8%	93.7%	94.1%	93.3%
Percent of heads of the household completing at least 12 years education	55.2%	62.9%	65.3%	67.6%
Average CalFresh allotment per household	\$199	\$311	\$315	\$304
Percent of CalFresh recipients that also receive CalWORKs benefits	63.0%	31.1%	27.2%	24.4%
Percent of CalFresh households that also receive CalWORKs benefits	49.8%	24.7%	22.7%	19.4%
Percent of single-person NACF households	42.5%	51.0%	50.9%	50.4%
PERCENT OF HEADS OF THE HOUSEHOLD WHO ARE:				
Hispanic	33.8%	41.4%	40.1%	40.3%
White	30.1%	30.6%	33.3%	30.3%
Black	25.0%	17.7%	18.1%	19.3%
*Asian/Pacific Islander	10.9%	6.6%	5.9%	6.2%
*Other	0.0%	3.6%	2.6%	3.9%
PERCENT OF CALFRESH RECIPIENTS WHO ARE:				
Hispanic	46.4%	56.3%	57.1%	55.4%
White	20.7%	20.9%	22.1%	20.2%
Black	18.8%	13.4%	12.3%	14.6%
*Asian/Pacific Islander	14.1%	5.7%	5.5%	5.8%
*Other	0.0%	3.7%	3.0%	4.0%

* As of FFY 2011, the "Asian/Pacific Islander" category no longer includes "Other".

SECTION 1

GENDER, CITIZENSHIP & RACE/ETHNICITY

Sixty-nine percent of CalFresh households were headed by females; four percentage points higher than in FFY 2013 (Figure 1). The majority of CalFresh recipients were also females (Figure 2).

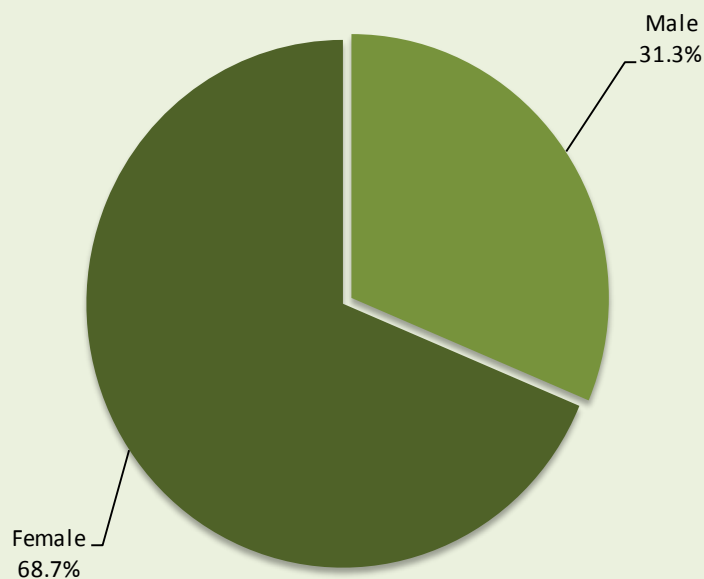
Eighty-nine percent of household heads and 93 percent of CalFresh recipients were United States citizens (Figures 3 and 4). The proportion of citizen recipients was one percentage point lower than in the previous Federal Fiscal Year.

The race/ethnic characteristics of household heads were also examined. Figure 5 shows that 40 percent of heads of household were Hispanic and 30 percent were White. Nineteen percent of CalFresh heads of households were Black and 10 percent were grouped in the Asia/Pacific Islander or "Other" category.

The distribution of recipients by race and ethnicity shows that 55 percent were Hispanic, 20 percent were white, 15 percent were Black, and 10 percent were Asian Pacific Islander or fit the "Others" category (Figure 6). In comparison to the previous Federal Fiscal Year, the proportion of Hispanic recipients decreased almost two percentage points and that of Black recipients increased by two percentage points. The proportion of Whites decreased by two percentage points, and that of Asian Pacific Islanders by one third of one percentage point. The category "Other" increased by one percentage point.

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FIGURE 1
GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD 1/



Sixty-nine percent of CalFresh households are headed by women. In CalWORKS/CalFresh households, 90 percent are headed by women.

GENDER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,999,473</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>388,875</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,610,598</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	407,889	20.4	129,693	33.4	278,196	17.3
Head of Household:	<u>1,591,584</u>	79.6	<u>259,182</u>	66.6	<u>1,332,402</u>	82.7
Male	498,920	31.3	27,122	10.5	471,798	35.4
Female	1,092,664	68.7	232,060	89.5	860,604	64.6

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

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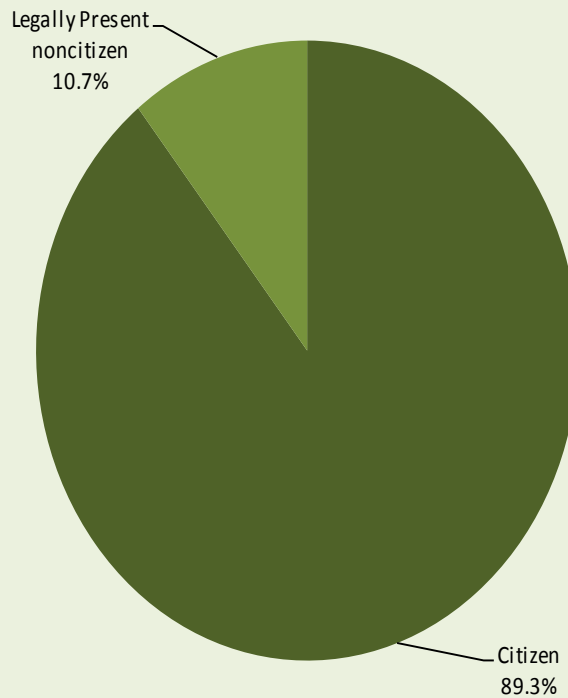
FIGURE 2
GENDER OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS



GENDER	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>4,403,012</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,073,553</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>3,329,459</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Male	2,009,499	45.6	452,547	42.2	1,556,952	46.8
Female	2,393,513	54.4	621,006	57.8	1,772,507	53.2

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FIGURE 3
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD 1/



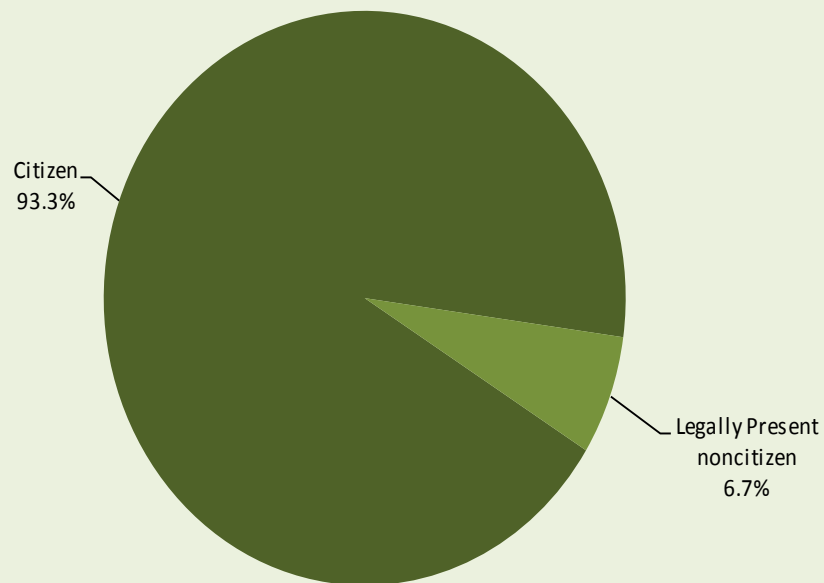
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Head of Household:	<u>1,591,584</u>	79.6	<u>259,182</u>	66.6	<u>1,332,402</u>	82.7
Citizen	1,421,086	89.3	245,225	94.6	1,175,861	88.3
Legally Present noncitizen	170,498	10.7	13,957	5.4	156,541	11.7

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Note: Noncitizens include legal permanent residences, refugees, persons granted asylum, noncitizen legally in the United States, and other noncitizens.

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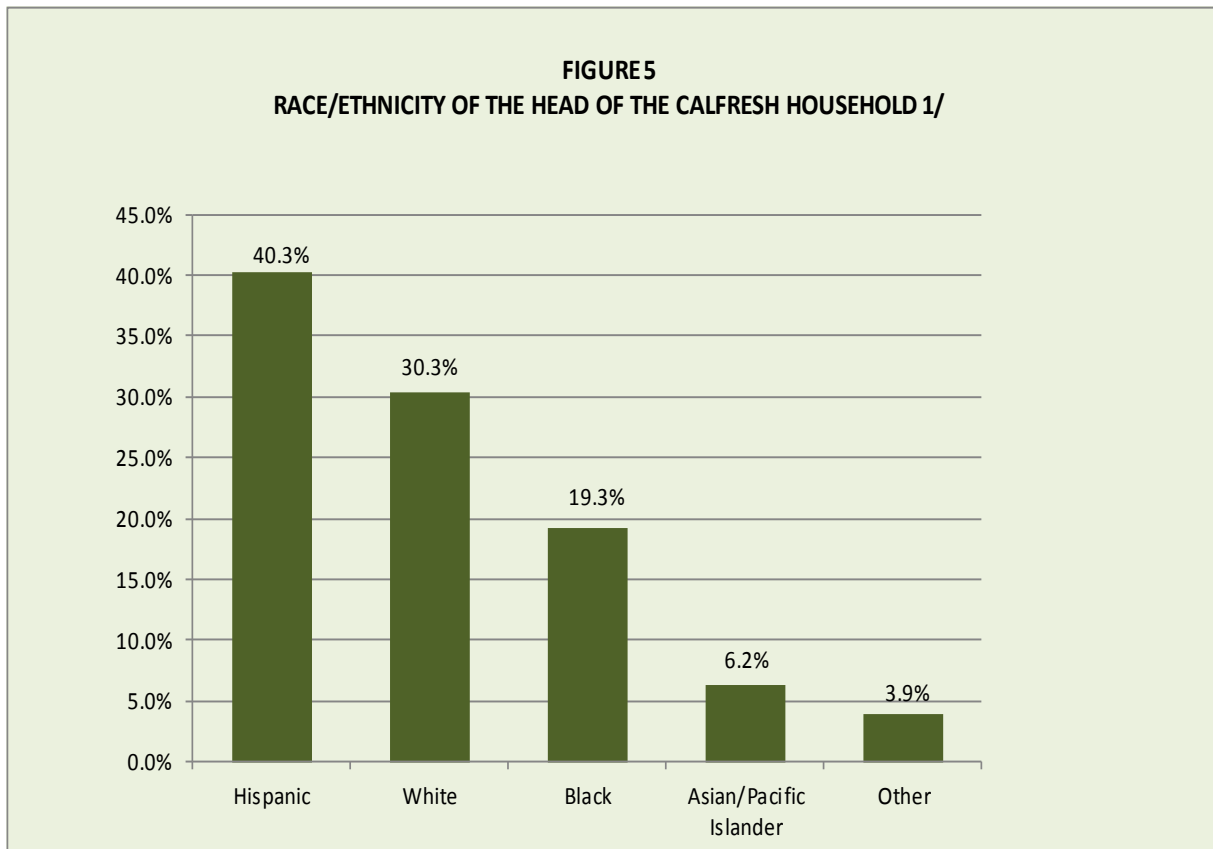
FIGURE 4
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS



CITIZENSHIP STATUS	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	4,403,012	100.0	1,073,553	100.0	3,329,459	100.0
Citizen	4,107,387	93.3	1,035,844	96.5	3,071,543	92.3
Legally Present noncitizen	295,625	6.7	37,709	3.5	257,916	7.7

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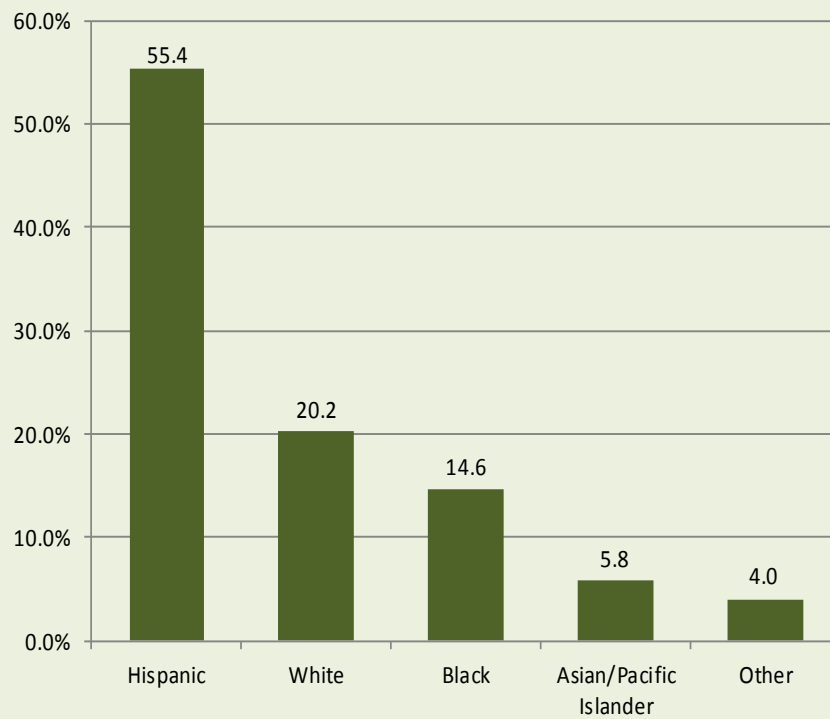


RACE/ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
Not Applicable ^{1/}	407,889	20.4	129,693	33.4	278,196	17.3
Head of Household:	1,591,584 [✓]	79.6	259,182 [✓]	66.6	1,332,402 [✓]	82.7
Hispanic	641,924	40.3	112,655	43.5	529,269	39.7
White	482,356	30.3	60,960	23.5	421,396	31.6
Black	306,707	19.3	63,143	24.4	243,564	18.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	99,040	6.2	9,578	3.7	89,462	6.7
Other	61,557	3.9	12,846	5.0	48,711	3.7

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FIGURE 6
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Hispanic	2,438,855	55.4	598,167	55.7	1,840,688	55.3
White	890,806	20.2	173,502	16.2	717,304	21.5
Black	641,955	14.6	210,170	19.6	431,785	13.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	254,370	5.8	30,999	2.9	223,371	6.7
Other	177,026	4.0	60,715	5.7	116,311	3.5

SECTION 2

AGE & HOUSEHOLD SIZE

The average age of CalFresh heads of households rose slightly from 39 years in FFY 2013 to 40 years in FFY 2014 (Figure 7).

In FFY 2014, more than half (53 percent) of recipients were children, two percentage points lower than in FFY 2013. The average age of children on CalFresh was seven and half years both in FFY 2013 and FFY 2014 (Figure 8).

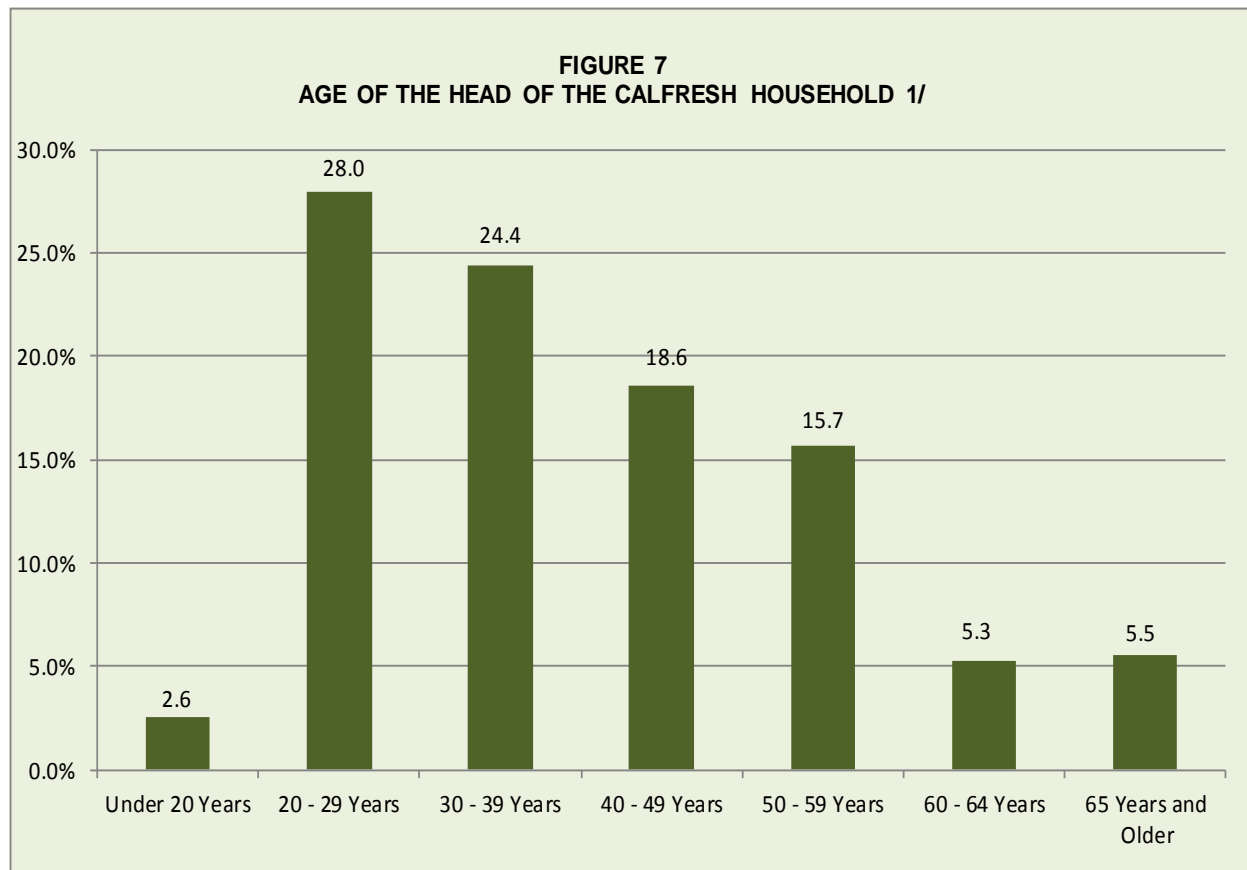
The proportion of elderly heads of households was 8.6 percent, and that of disabled household heads was 5.0 percent. The proportion of household heads that were both elderly and disabled was 2.1 percent (Figure 9).

The average number of persons in CalFresh households (2.2 persons) was unchanged from the previous FFY (Figure 10).

Approximately six percent of the CalFresh households were single-person child-only households, which is close to the proportion seen in FFY 2013 (Figure 10). Child-only households are households that do not have an eligible adult living in the household. Thirty-seven percent of CalFresh households were single-person households with no children

Figure 11 shows percentages of persons that were present in a CalFresh household but were excluded from receiving benefits sometime during FFY 2014. The proportion of households where one person was excluded was 70.6 percent. The proportion of households where two and three persons were excluded was 18.8 percent and 4.4 percent respectively. More than three persons were excluded in 6.2 percent of households.

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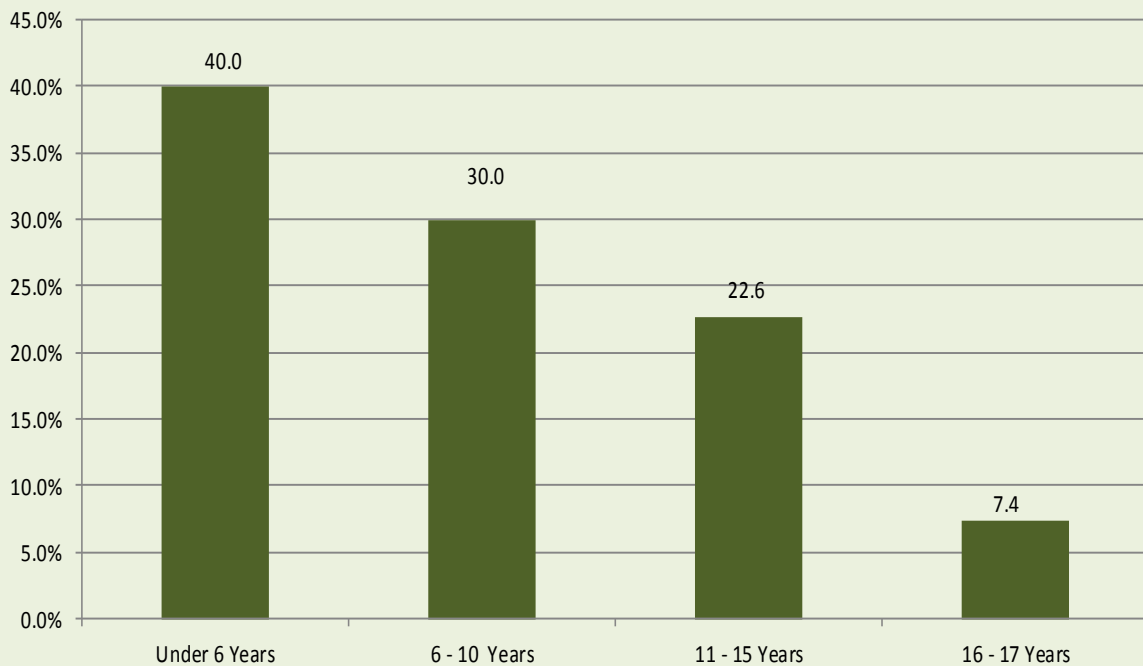


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20 - 29 Years	445,312	28.0	109,623	42.3	335,689	25.2
30 - 39 Years	388,069	24.4	87,779	33.9	300,290	22.5
40 - 49 Years	295,936	18.6	35,189	13.6	260,747	19.6
50 - 59 Years	249,694	15.7	17,447	6.7	232,247	17.4
60 - 64 Years	83,732	5.3	2,257	0.9	81,475	6.1
65 Years and Older	87,660	5.5	256	0.1	87,404	6.6
Average/Median age	39.8/ 37		32.6/ 31		41.2/ 39	

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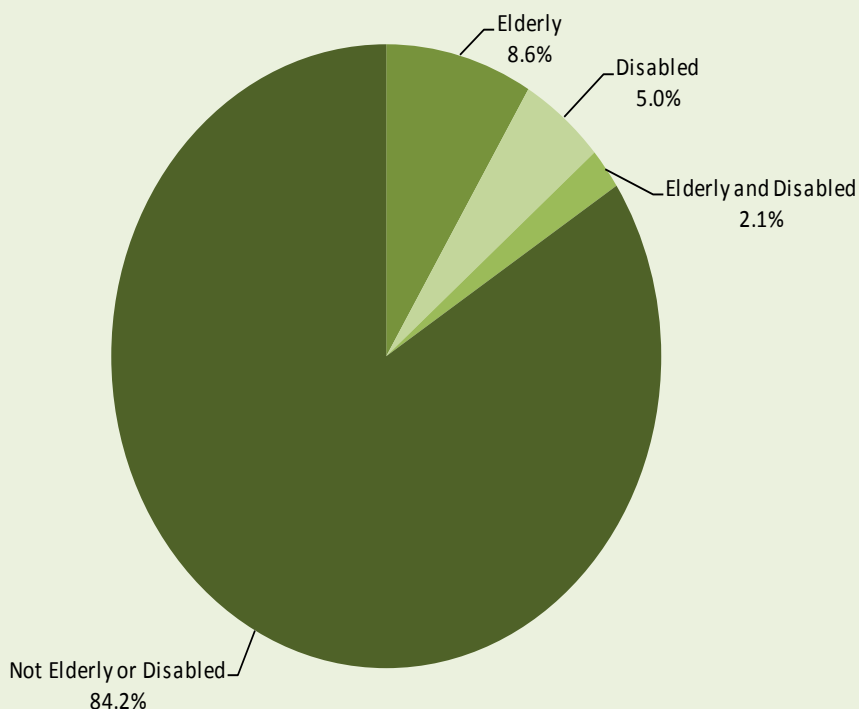
FIGURE 8
AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS



AGE	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	4,403,012	100.0	1,073,553	100.0	3,329,459	100.0
Adults in the CF Household	2,069,314	47.0	331,073	30.8	1,738,241	52.2
Children in the CF Household:	2,333,698	53.0	742,480	69.2	1,591,218	47.8
Under 6 Years	932,875	40.0	312,002	42.0	620,873	39.0
6 - 10 Years	700,076	30.0	216,519	29.2	483,557	30.4
11 - 15 Years	527,362	22.6	156,776	21.1	370,586	23.3
16 - 17 Years	173,385	7.4	57,183	7.7	116,202	7.3
Average Age of Child (Years)	7.5		7.3		7.5	

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FIGURE 9
ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD 1/



ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
Not Applicable ^{1/}	407,889	20.4	129,693	33.4	278,196	17.3
Head of Household:	1,591,584	79.6	259,182	66.6	1,332,402	82.7
Elderly	137,600	8.6	2,385	0.9	135,215	10.1
Disabled	79,994	5.0	7,620	2.9	72,374	5.4
Elderly and Disabled	33,792	2.1	128	0.0	33,664	2.5
Not Elderly or Disabled	1,340,198	84.2	249,049	96.1	1,091,149	81.9

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

Note: Those aged 60 and over are considered elderly, and the disabled category includes those who are deemed physically/mentally unfit for employment.

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FIGURE 10
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
One Person						
With Children	113,977	5.7	44,978	11.6	68,999	4.3
No Children	746,136	37.3	3,089	0.8	743,047	46.1
Two Persons						
With Children	373,739	18.7	135,488	34.8	238,251	14.8
No Children	80,349	4.0	2,879	0.7	77,470	4.8
Three Persons						
With Children	322,975	16.2	105,162	27.0	217,813	13.5
No Children	13,816	0.7	0	0.0	13,816	0.9
Four Persons						
With Children	192,558	9.6	65,254	16.8	127,304	7.9
No Children	3,061	0.2	0	0.0	3,061	0.2
Five Persons or more						
With Children	152,683	7.6	32,025	8.2	120,658	7.5
No Children	179	0.0	0	0.0	179	0.0
Average/Median Persons	2.2 / 2		2.8 / 3		2.1 / 1	

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FIGURE 11
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS
NOT INCLUDED IN THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



HOUSEHOLDS WITH OTHER PERSONS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	50,906	100.0	12,690	100.0	38,216	100.0
One Person	35,963	70.6	7,072	55.7	28,891	75.6
Two Persons	9,567	18.8	4,813	37.9	4,754	12.4
Three Persons	2,220	4.4	731	5.8	1,489	3.9
Four Persons	625	1.2	74	0.6	551	1.4
Five Persons	2,531	5.0	0	0.0	2,531	6.6
Average Number of Other Persons	1.5		1.5		1.5	

SECTION 3

INCOME

Three sources accounted for the incomes received by 63 percent of CalFresh households. Forty-three percent received CalWORKs or TANF, 14 percent received general relief, and six percent received unemployment compensation. In comparison to FFY 2013, the proportion of CalFresh households on public assistance and general relief remained constant while the proportion of those receiving unemployment compensation decreased by four percentage points (Figure 12).

The proportion of CalFresh households that had earned income increased from 21 percent in FFY 2013 to 25 percent in FFY 2014 (Figure 13).

Eighty-three percent of CalFresh households that had earned income were paid salary or wages. The percentage that received wages is close to the percentage in the previous Federal Fiscal Year (Figure 13).

The average net income used to determine the CalFresh allotment was \$488 in 2013 and \$504 in 2014. The proportion of CalFresh households that did not have a net income used in determination of benefits increased from 58 percent in FFY 2013 to 61 percent in FFY 2014 (Figure 14).

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FIGURE 12
SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME



Fifty-nine point eight percent of the CalFresh households reported no unearned income.

INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	1,999,473	100.0		388,875	100.0		1,610,598	100.0	
No Unearned Income	1,196,060	59.8		125,625	32.3		1,070,435	66.5	
Unearned Income:	803,413	40.2	100.0	263,250	67.7	100.0	540,163	33.5	100.0
Public Assistance Grant	344,712	42.9	\$499 / \$516	259,505	98.6	\$513 / \$516	85,207	15.8	\$454 / \$482
General Relief	114,367	14.2	\$222 / \$221	0	0.0	\$0 / \$0	114,367	21.2	\$222 / \$221
Unemployment Comp.	51,162	6.4	\$762 / \$675	1,146	0.4	\$365 / \$390	50,016	9.3	\$771 / \$698
Other Unearned Income	293,172	36.5	\$677 / \$700	2,599	1.0	\$131 / \$50	290,573	53.8	\$742 / \$757

Note: Other unearned income includes Social Security, Worker's Compensation, government and non-government disability, pensions, alimony, deemed income, and Veterans Benefits.

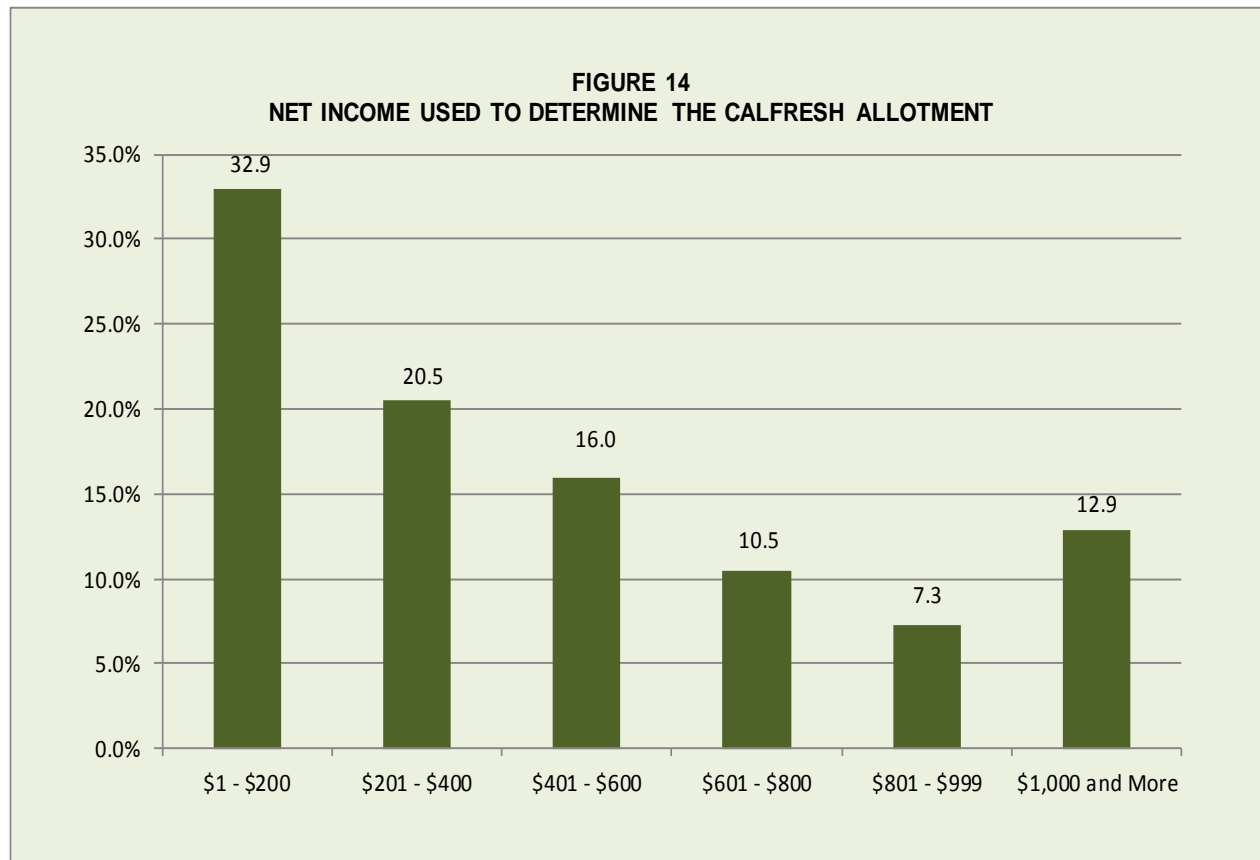
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FIGURE 13
SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME



INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	1,999,473	100.0		388,875	100.0		1,610,598	100.0	
No Earned Income	1,507,447	75.4		328,766	84.5		1,178,681	73.2	
Earned Income:	492,026	24.6	100.0	60,109	15.5	100.0	431,917	26.8	100.0
Salary/Wages	406,745	82.7	\$1093 / \$940	52,285	87.0	\$728 / \$664	354,460	82.1	\$1146 / \$995
Self-Employment	74,554	15.2	\$425 / \$246	7,696	12.8	\$218 / \$210	66,858	15.5	\$449 / \$300
Other Earned Income	10,727	2.2	\$207 / \$100	128	0.2	\$30 / \$30	10,599	2.5	\$210 / \$100

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The average net income used in determining the CalFresh allotment was \$504 for all CalFresh households and \$263 for CalWORKs/CalFresh households.

NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
No Net Income	1,212,400	60.6	197,497	50.8	1,014,903	63.0
Net Income:	787,073	39.4	191,378	49.2	595,695	37.0
\$1 - \$200	259,133	32.9	109,724	57.3	149,409	25.1
\$201 - \$400	161,005	20.5	36,387	19.0	124,618	20.9
\$401 - \$600	125,737	16.0	23,933	12.5	101,804	17.1
\$601 - \$800	82,364	10.5	14,805	7.7	67,559	11.3
\$801 - \$999	57,193	7.3	3,557	1.9	53,636	9.0
\$1,000 and More	101,641	12.9	2,972	1.6	98,669	16.6
Average/Median Net Income	\$504 / \$368		\$263 / \$182		\$582 / \$435	

Note: The household's net income and deductions are used to determine the correct benefit level.

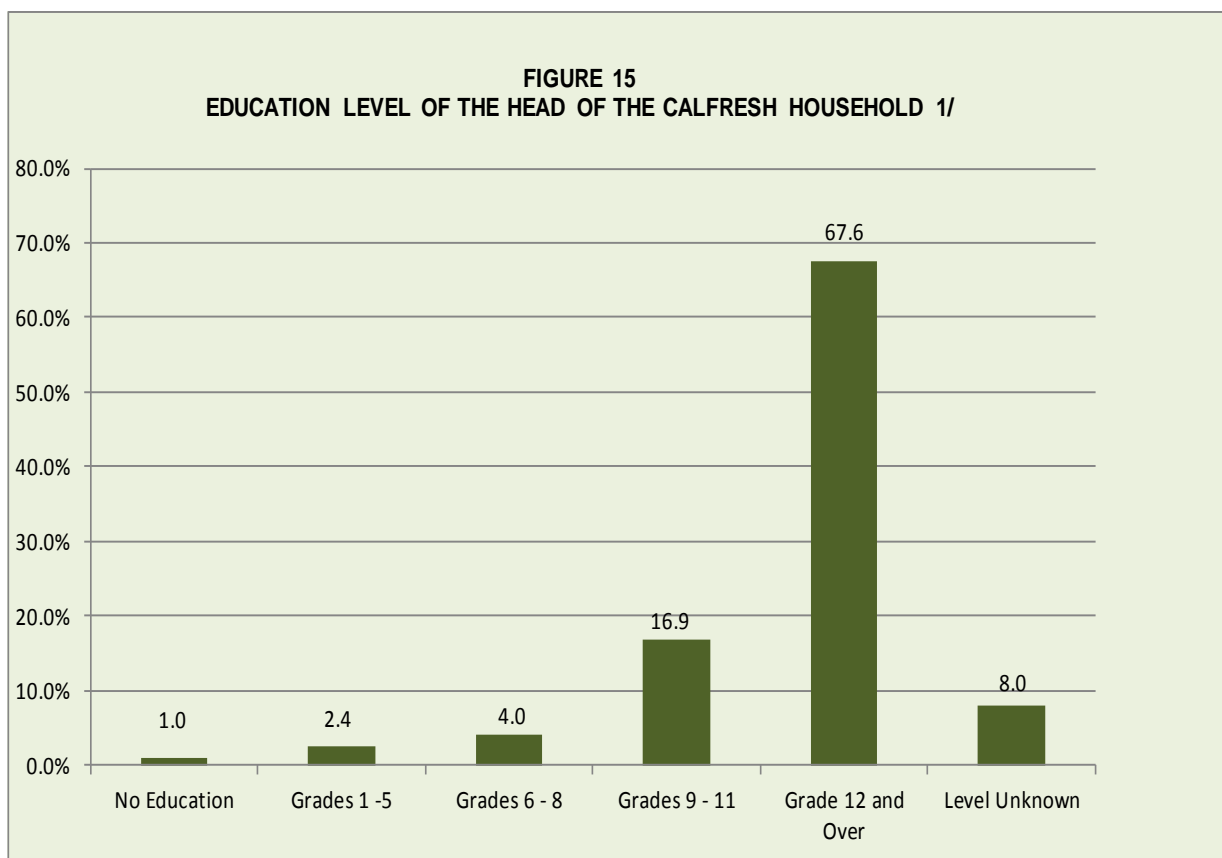
SECTION 4

EDUCATION

The percentage of CalFresh heads of household that completed 12 or more years of schooling increased from 65 percent in FFY 2013 to 68 percent in FFY 2014 (Figure 15).

No net income was reported by 62 percent of the CalFresh heads of households with less than 12 years of education. This is five percentage points higher than in FFY 2013 (Figure 15a).

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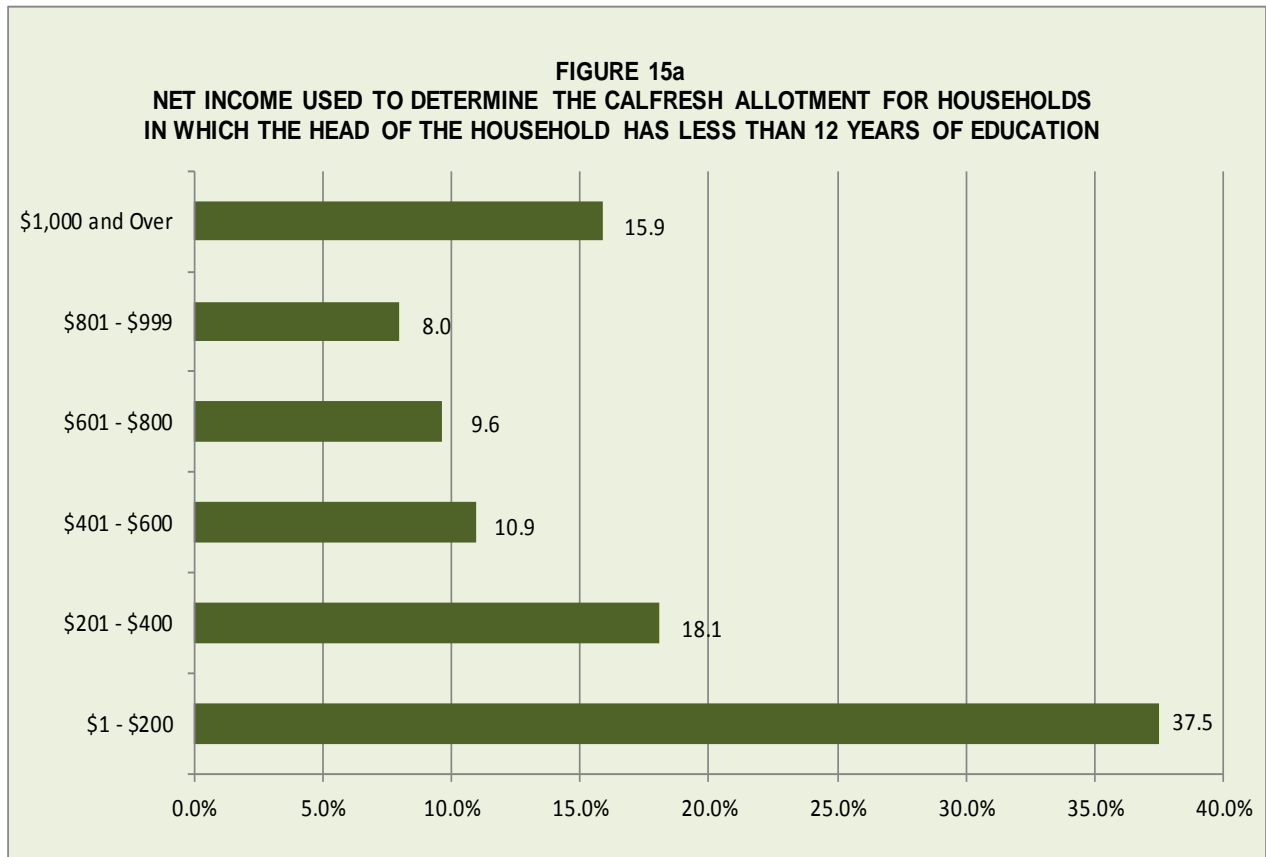


Sixty-eight percent of all CalFresh households have completed 12 or more years of education.

EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
Not Applicable ^{1/}	407,889	20.4	129,693	33.4	278,196	17.3
Head of Household:	1,591,584	79.6	259,182	66.6	1,332,402	82.7
No Education	16,306	1.0	3,044	1.2	13,262	1.0
Grades 1 - 5	38,527	2.4	1,005	0.4	37,522	2.8
Grades 6 - 8	63,435	4.0	5,290	2.0	58,145	4.4
Grades 9 - 11	269,701	16.9	60,333	23.3	209,368	15.7
Grade 12 and Over	1,076,258	67.6	176,587	68.1	899,671	67.5
Level Unknown	127,357	8.0	12,923	5.0	114,434	8.6

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

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Sixty-six point nine percent of household heads in CalFresh-only households reported zero net income.

NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Head of Household	<u>387,969</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>69,671</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>318,298</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	238,787	61.5	25,761	37.0	213,026	66.9
Net Income:	<u>149,182</u> [✓]	38.5 <u>100.0</u>	<u>43,910</u> [✓]	63.0 <u>100.0</u>	<u>105,272</u>	33.1 <u>100.0</u>
\$1 - \$200	55,985	37.5	30,382	69.2	25,603	24.3
\$201 - \$400	26,928	18.1	7,960	18.1	18,968	18.0
\$401 - \$600	16,333	10.9	3,169	7.2	13,164	12.5
\$601 - \$800	14,353	9.6	1,231	2.8	13,122	12.5
\$801 - \$999	11,860	8.0	643	1.5	11,217	10.7
\$1,000 and Over	23,723	15.9	525	1.2	23,198	22.0

SECTION 5

BENEFITS

The average time on aid for CalFresh benefits was 23 months in both FFY 2013 and FFY 2014. In the public assistance households, the average time on aid decreased from 33.5 months in FFY 2013 to 32 months in FFY 2014 (Figure 16).

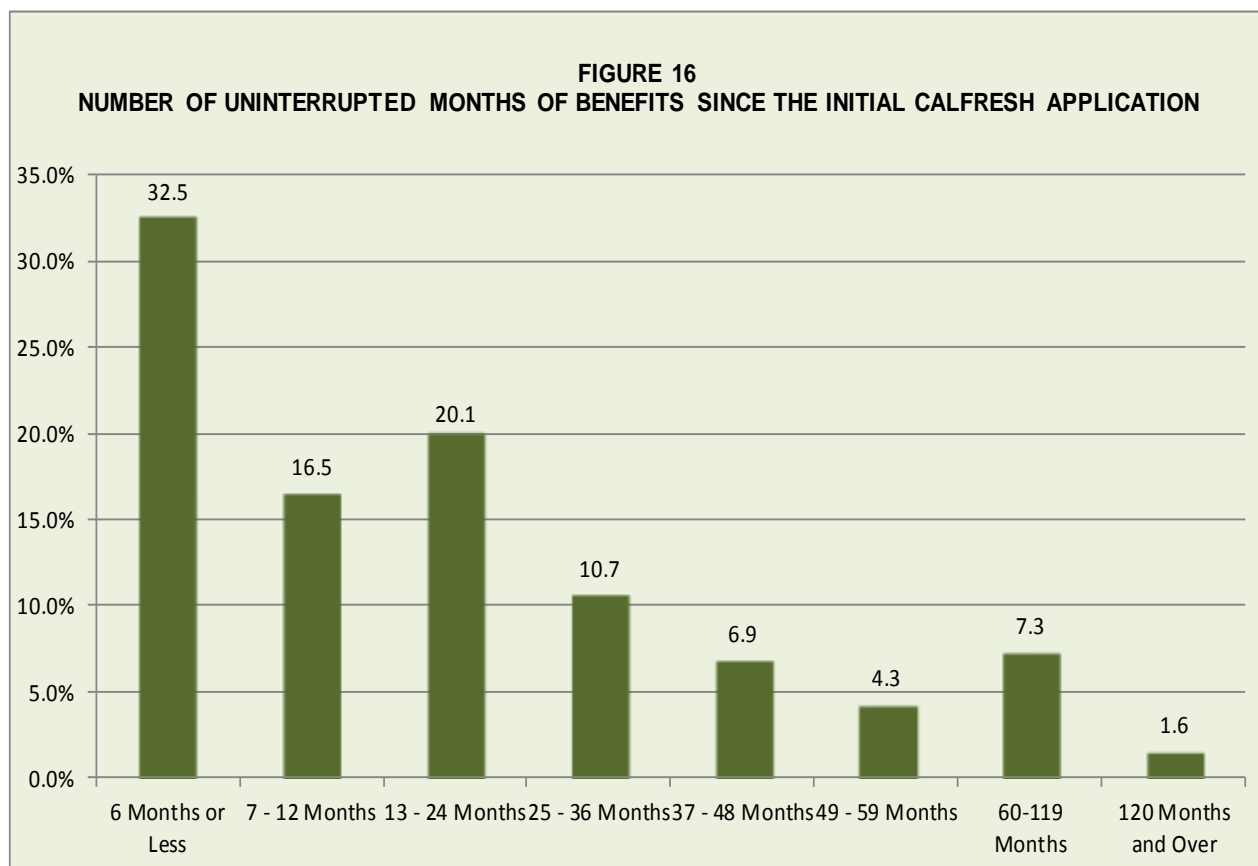
Of CalFresh households that received benefits continuously for seven to 12 months 69 percent were Hispanic or White, 62 percent did not have a net income at the time of application for the CalFresh benefit, 70 percent had completed 12 or more years of schooling, and had an average household size of 2.1 persons.

Figure 17 shows the length of certification period of CalFresh households. Over 90 percent of households were enrolled 10 to 12 months, and nearly six percent had been enrolled 13 months or longer.

We also examined allotment amounts. Forty-one percent of CalFresh households received between \$101 and \$200. Approximately 32 percent received between \$301 and \$500. About 13 percent of households received over \$500 (Figure 18). The average monthly CalFresh benefit decreased by 11 dollars between FFY 2013 (\$315) and FFY 2014 (\$304).

Figure 19 shows that 86.4 percent of CalFresh households did not own any resources. This is two percentage points lower than in 2013. The percentage is higher among public assistance households than non-public assistance households.

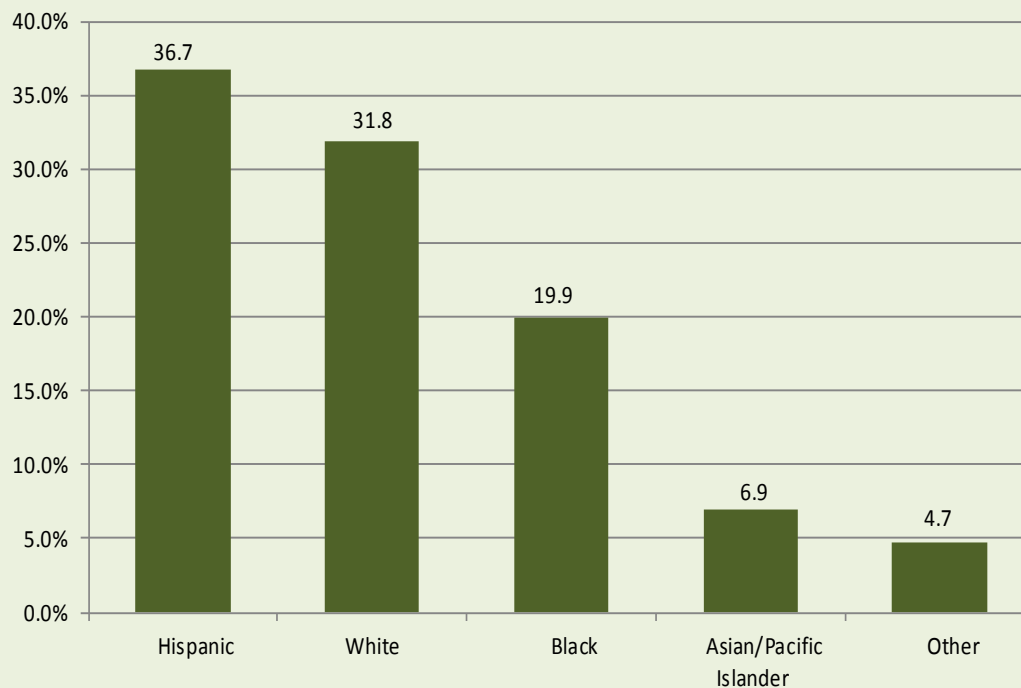
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MONTHS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
6 Months or Less	650,587	32.5	78,653	20.2	571,934	35.5
7 - 12 Months	330,875	16.5	64,866	16.7	266,009	16.5
13 - 24 Months	401,597	20.1	71,846	18.5	329,751	20.5
25 - 36 Months	213,329	10.7	53,682	13.8	159,647	9.9
37 - 48 Months	137,191	6.9	35,013	9.0	102,178	6.3
49 - 59 Months	86,793	4.3	29,515	7.6	57,278	3.6
60-119 Months	146,531	7.3	44,759	11.5	101,772	6.3
120 Months and Over	32,570	1.6	10,541	2.7	22,029	1.4
Average Months	22.8		32		20.7	

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FIGURE 16a
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED CALFRESH CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN TO TWELVE MONTHS ^{2/}

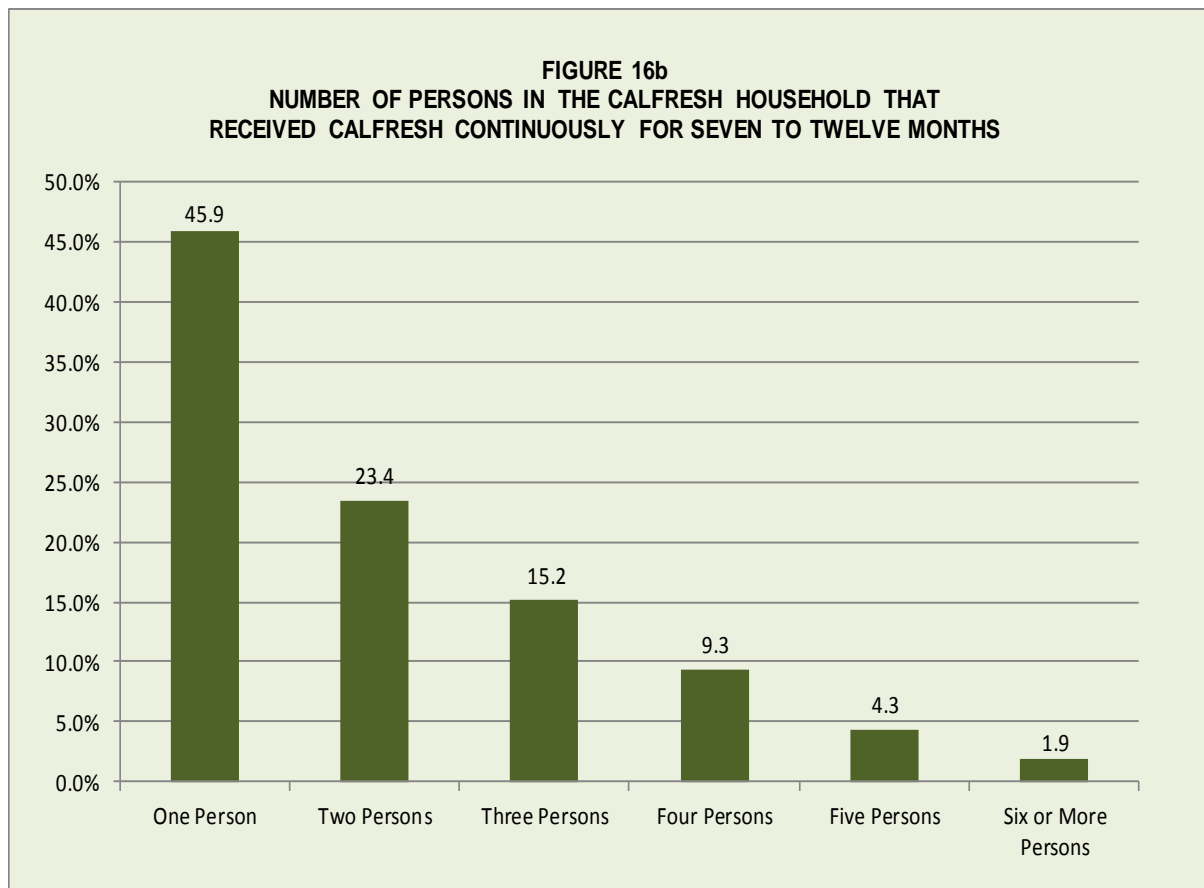


RACE/ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>330,875</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>64,866</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>266,009</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{2/}	61,273	18.5	17,415	26.8	43,858	16.5
Head of Household:	<u>269,602</u>	81.5 <u>100.0</u>	<u>47,451</u>	73.2 <u>100.0</u>	<u>222,151</u>	83.5 <u>100.0</u>
Hispanic	98,896	36.7	18,177	38.3	80,719	36.3
White	85,791	31.8	12,130	25.6	73,661	33.2
Black	53,650	19.9	16,023	33.8	37,627	16.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	18,668	6.9	454	1.0	18,214	8.2
Other	12,597	4.7	667	1.4	11,930	5.4

1/ From Table 16.

2/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

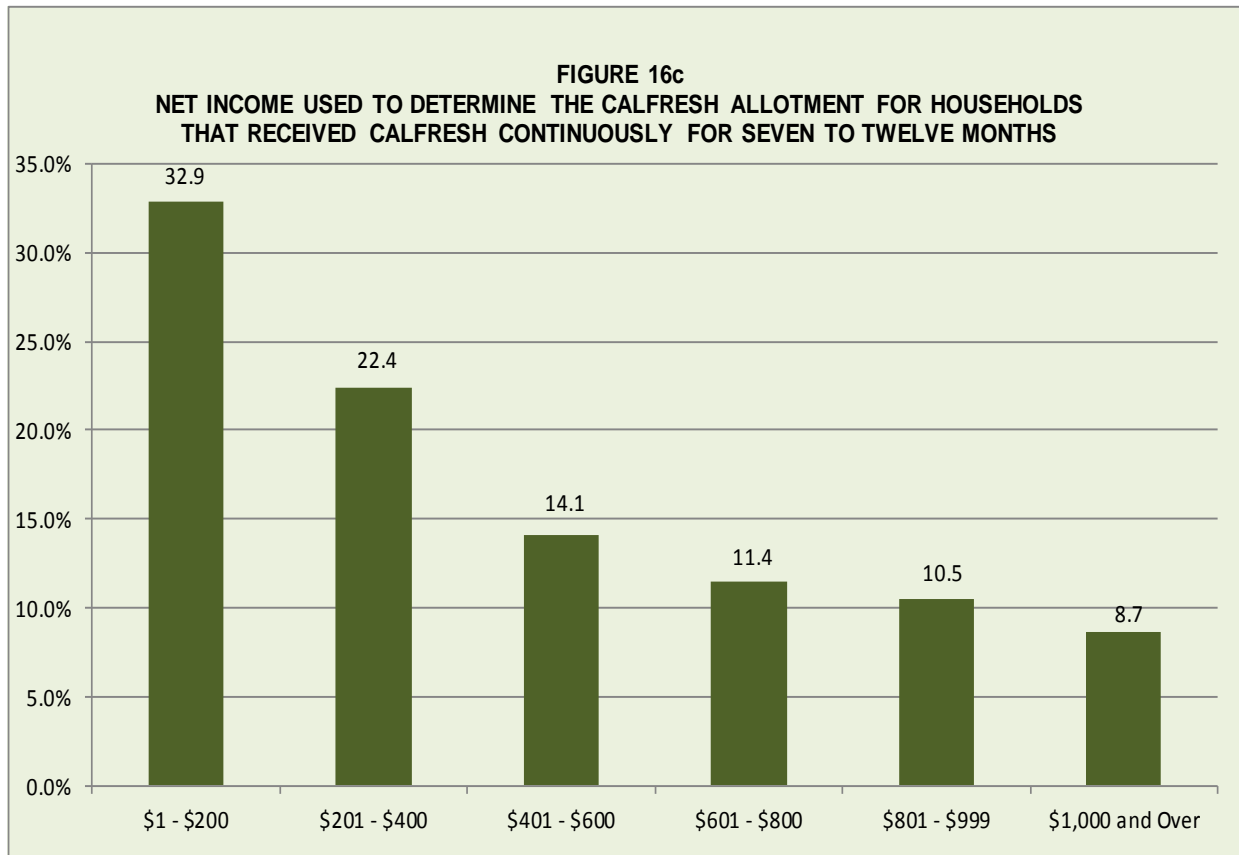
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PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>330,875</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>64,866</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>266,009</u>	<u>100.0</u>
One Person	151,734	45.9	7,611	11.7	144,123	54.2
Two Persons	77,263	23.4	24,767	38.2	52,496	19.7
Three Persons	50,339	15.2	15,882	24.5	34,457	13.0
Four Persons	30,888	9.3	14,732	22.7	16,156	6.1
Five Persons	14,321	4.3	1,674	2.6	12,647	4.8
Six or More Persons	6,330	1.9	200	0.3	6,130	2.3
Average/Median Persons	2.1 / 2		2.7 / 3		1.9 / 1	

1/ From Table 16.

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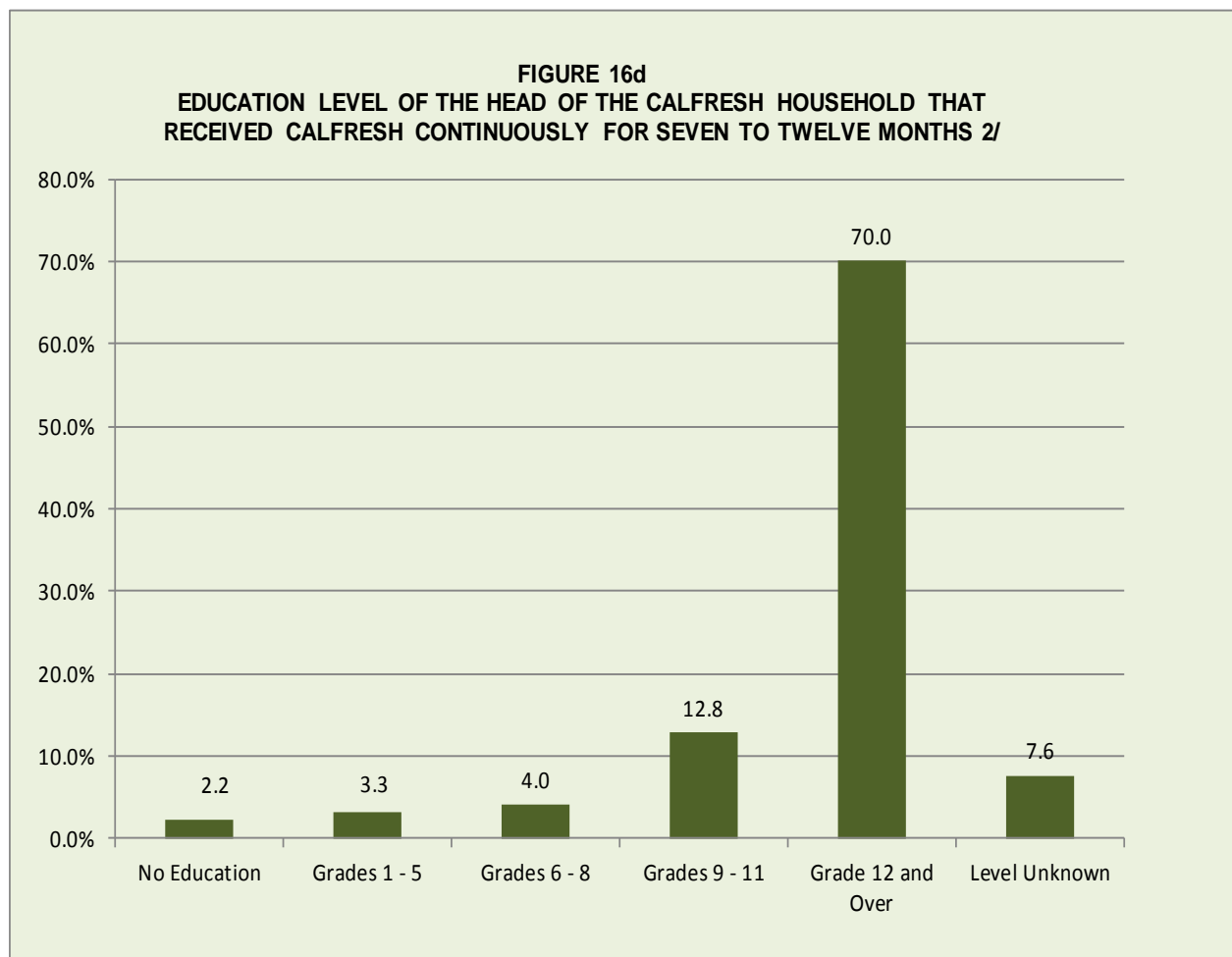
CalFresh households receiving CalFresh continuously for seven to 12 months had an average net income of \$473.

NET INCOME	HOUSEHOLDS TOTAL		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>330,875</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>64,866</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>266,009</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	206,303	62.4	34,418	53.1	171,885	64.6
Net Income:	<u>124,572</u>	37.6	<u>30,448</u>	46.9	<u>94,124</u>	35.4
\$1 - \$200	40,948	32.9	12,903	42.4	28,045	29.8
\$201 - \$400	27,855	22.4	6,730	22.1	21,125	22.4
\$401 - \$600	17,519	14.1	4,234	13.9	13,285	14.1
\$601 - \$800	14,262	11.4	5,136	16.9	9,126	9.7
\$801 - \$999	13,142	10.5	851	2.8	12,291	13.1
\$1,000 and Over	10,846	8.7	594	2.0	10,252	10.9
Average/Median Net Income	\$473 / \$331		\$338 / \$246		\$517 / \$382	

1/ From Table 16.

Note: The household's net income and deductions are used to determine the correct benefit level.

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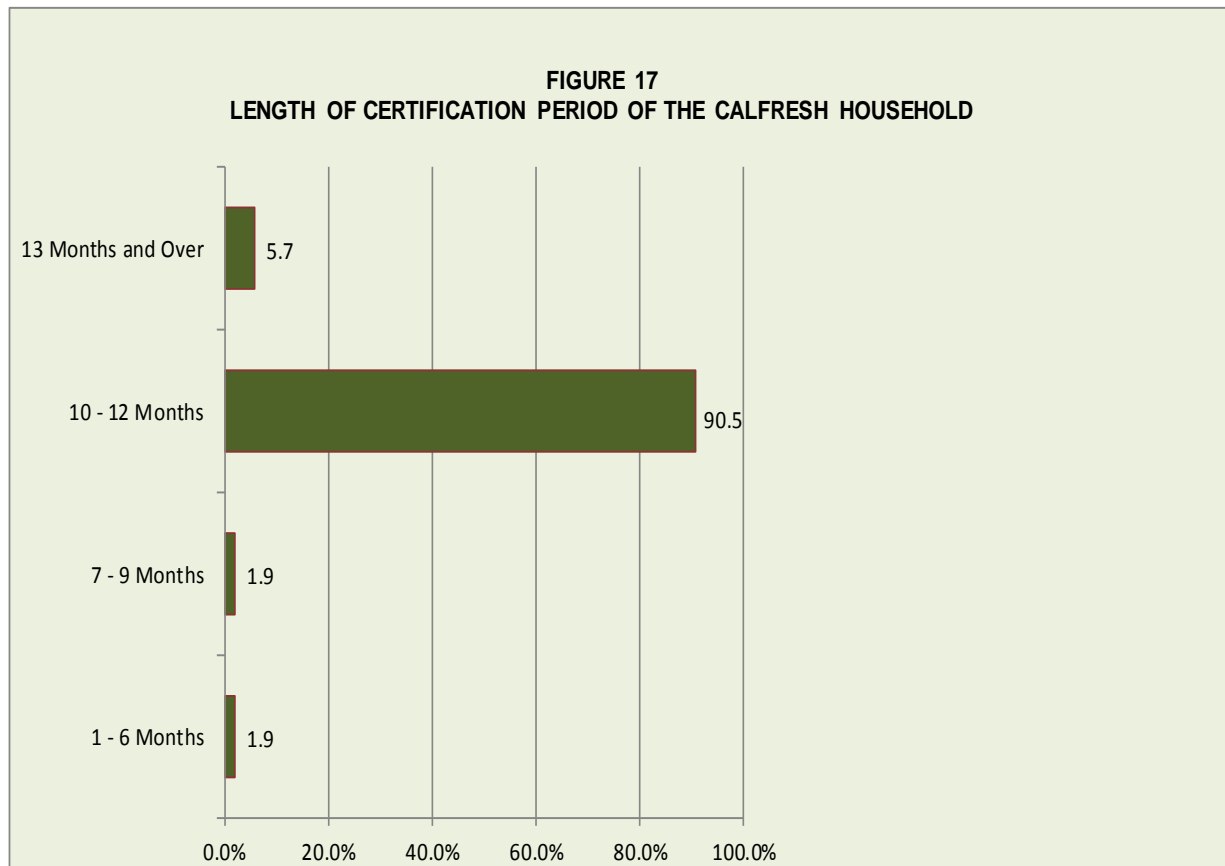


EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>330,875</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>64,866</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>266,009</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{2/}	61,273	18.5	17,415	26.8	43,858	16.5
Head of Household:	<u>269,602</u>	81.5	<u>47,451</u>	73.2	<u>222,151</u>	83.5
No Education	5,934	2.2	2,183	4.6	3,751	1.7
Grades 1 - 5	8,893	3.3	128	0.3	8,765	3.9
Grades 6 - 8	10,900	4.0	1,742	3.7	9,158	4.1
Grades 9 - 11	34,533	12.8	4,269	9.0	30,264	13.6
Grade 12 and Over	188,852	70.0	38,346	80.8	150,506	67.7
Level Unknown	20,490	7.6	783	1.7	19,707	8.9

1/ From Table 16.

2/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

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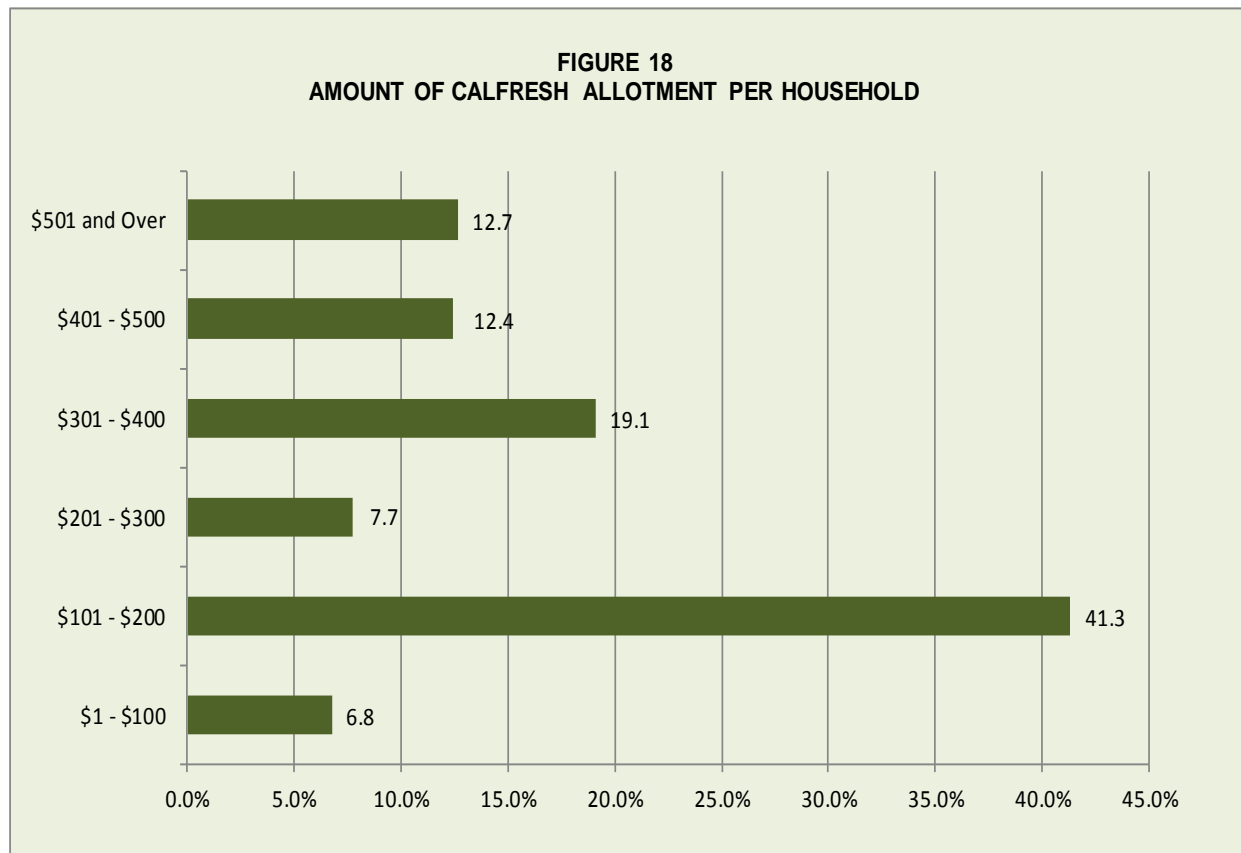


The average certification period at enrollment for all CalFresh households is 12 months.

CERTIFICATION PERIOD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
1 - 6 Months	37,862	1.9	5,503	1.4	32,359	2.0
7 - 9 Months	38,228	1.9	12,244	3.1	25,984	1.6
10 - 12 Months	1,810,224	90.5	369,595	95.0	1,440,629	89.4
13 Months and Over	113,159	5.7	1,533	0.4	111,626	6.9
Average Months	12.3		11.7		12.5	

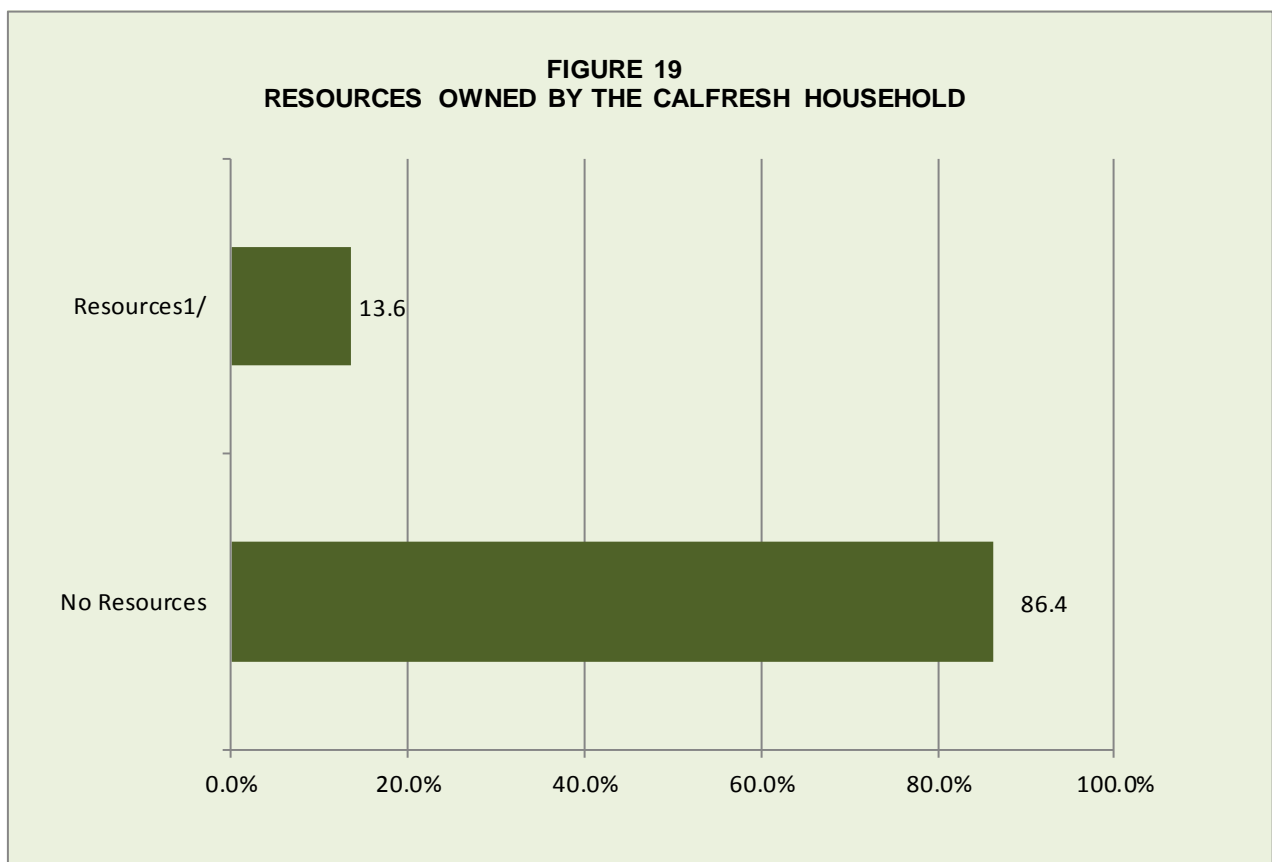
Note: The CalFresh households are eligible to receive benefits until the certification period ends, when they must recertify (verify income, deductions).

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ALLOTMENT	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
\$1 - \$100	135,782	6.8	4,619	1.2	131,163	8.1
\$101 - \$200	826,142	41.3	53,192	13.7	772,950	48.0
\$201 - \$300	154,024	7.7	38,054	9.8	115,970	7.2
\$301 - \$400	381,883	19.1	119,553	30.7	262,330	16.3
\$401 - \$500	248,386	12.4	89,838	23.1	158,548	9.8
\$501 and Over	253,256	12.7	83,619	21.5	169,637	10.5
Average/Median Allotment	\$304 / \$230		\$404 / \$347		\$280 / \$189	

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Nearly nine in ten CalWORKs/CalFresh households owned no resources.

RESOURCES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,999,473</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>388,875</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,610,598</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Resources	1,727,021	86.4	378,097	97.2	1,348,924	83.8
Resources ^{1/}	272,452	13.6	10,778	2.8	261,674	16.2

1/ Excludes vehicles.

Note: Resources include bank accounts, cash on hand, and liquid assets.

SECTION 6

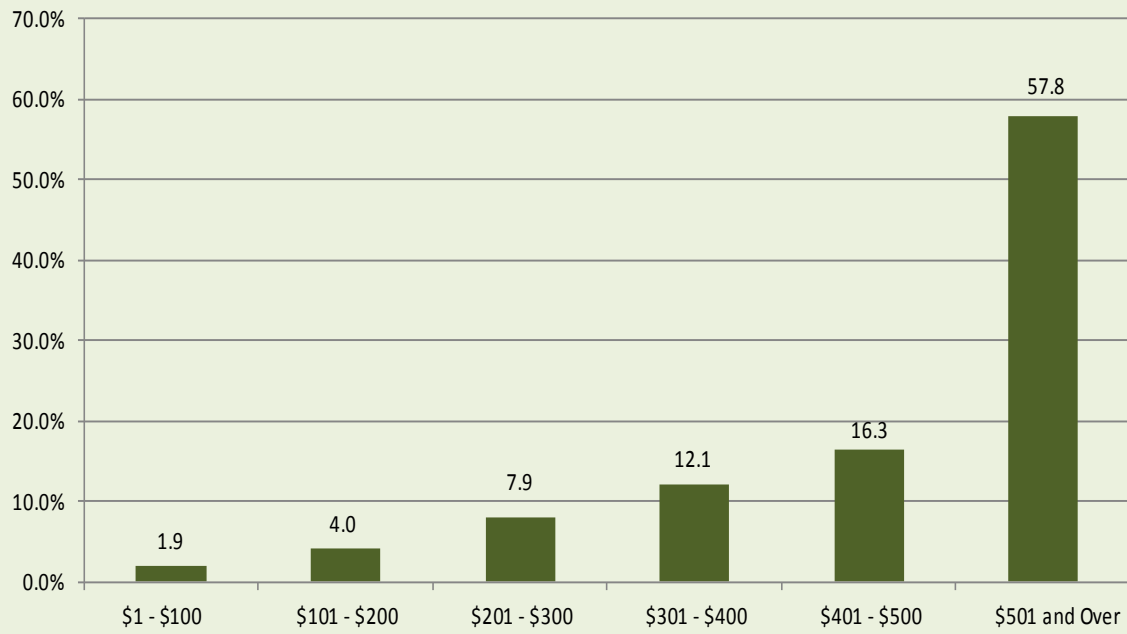
EXPENSES, DEDUCTIONS & REPORTING

Figures 20 and 21 display the shelter costs and dependent care deductions claimed by households. Seventy percent of all CalFresh households reported a shelter cost (Figure 20). This is two percentage points lower than in the previous Federal Fiscal Year. The average allowable excess shelter deduction increased by 34 dollars between FFY 2013 (\$492) and FFY 2014 (\$526). Child care deduction was claimed by one percent of households in FFY 2013 and 2014. The average child care deduction increased from 271 dollars in FFY 2013 to 273 dollars in 2014. (Figure 21).

In California, the old Quarterly Reporting (QR) system ended on September 30, 2013. In its place, the state has adopted a Semi-Annual Reporting (SAR) system that uses a SAR 7 form. This is a major structural adjustment in how households report changes affecting their CalFresh eligibility. Figure 22 shows that 55 percent of households reported semi-annually.

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FIGURE 20
CALFRESH HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION

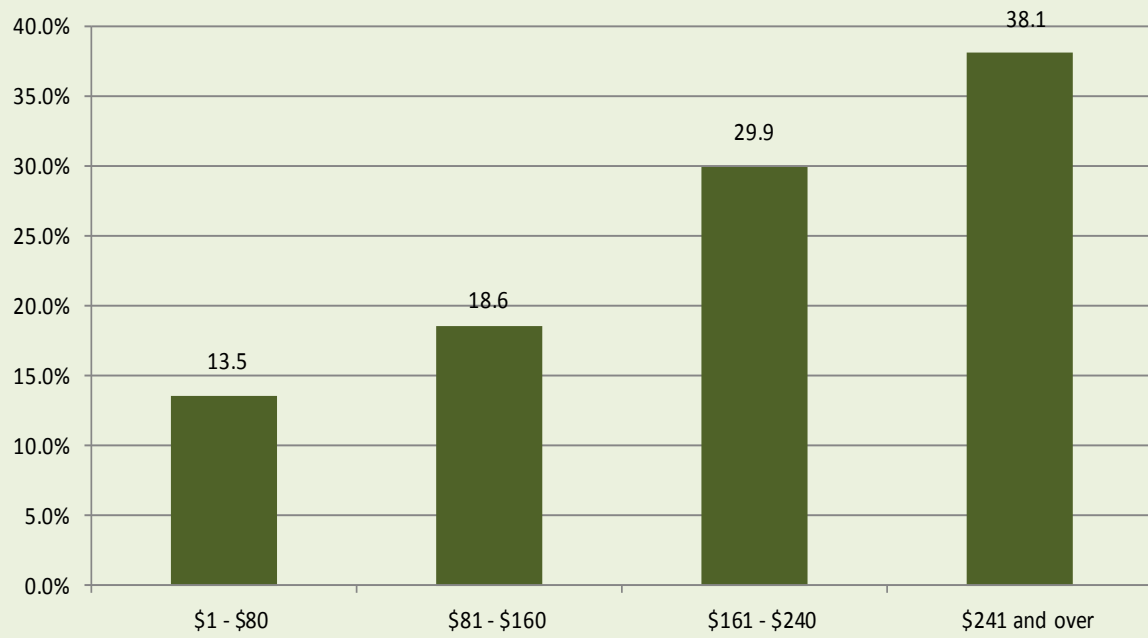


EXCESS SHELTER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	605,037	30.3	51,626	13.3	553,411	34.4
Households Reporting Shelter Cost;	1,394,436	69.7	337,249	86.7	1,057,187	65.6
No Allowable Excess Shelter Cost	59,073	4.2	9,345	2.8	49,728	4.7
Allowable Excess Shelter Cost:	1,335,362	95.8	327,905	97.2	1,007,457	95.3
\$1 - \$100	25,340	1.9	3,429	1.0	21,911	2.2
\$101 - \$200	53,731	4.0	13,119	4.0	40,612	4.0
\$201 - \$300	105,128	7.9	32,618	9.9	72,510	7.2
\$301 - \$400	162,058	12.1	44,405	13.5	117,653	11.7
\$401 - \$500	217,854	16.3	67,124	20.5	150,730	15.0
\$501 and Over	771,251	57.8	167,210	51.0	604,041	60.0
Average Shelter Cost	\$526		\$495		\$535	

Note: The excess shelter deduction is a result of the shelter cost minus income and deductions.

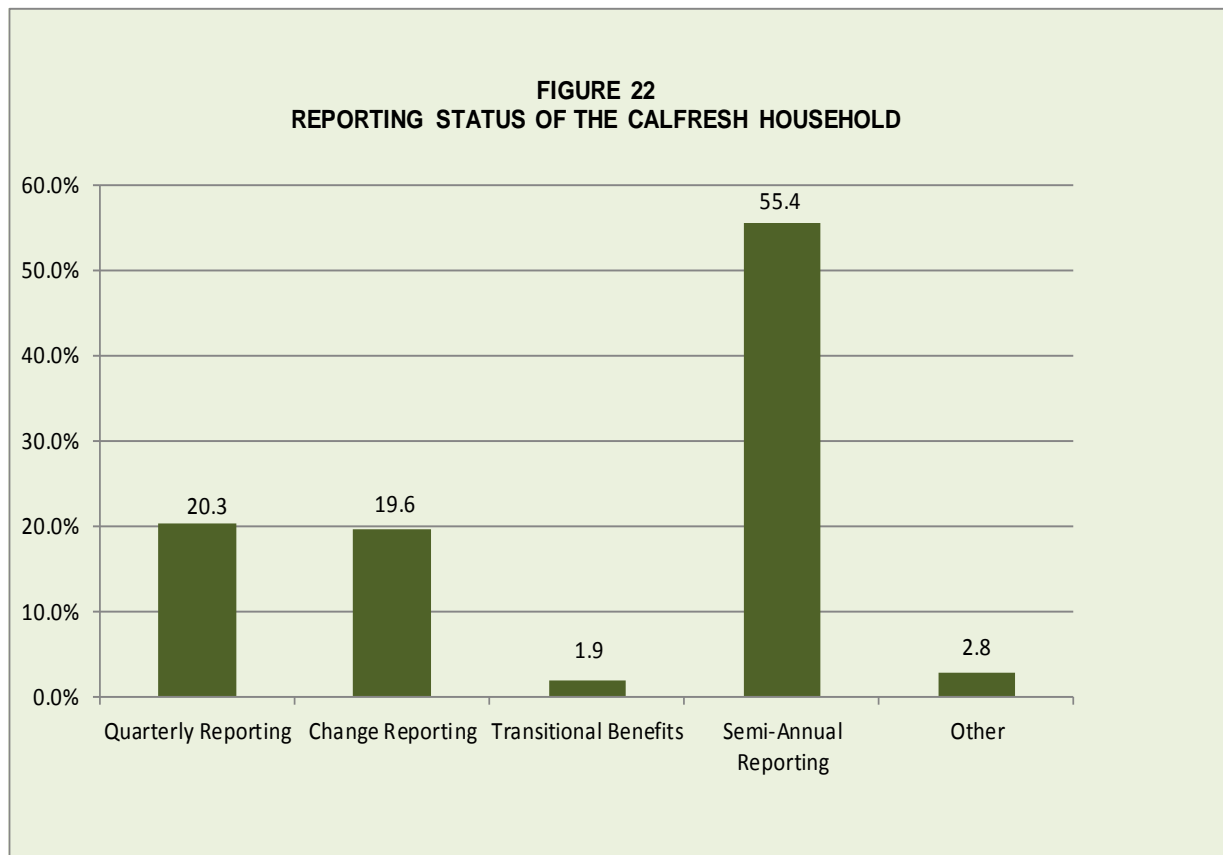
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FIGURE 21
CALFRESH HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION



DEPENDENT CARE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
No Dependent Care Deduction	1,982,177	99.1	387,777	99.7	1,594,400	99.0
Dependent Care Deduction	17,296	0.9	1,098	0.3	16,198	1.0
\$1 - \$80	2,333	13.5	582	53.0	1,751	10.8
\$81 - \$160	3,215	18.6	104	9.5	3,111	19.2
\$161 - \$240	5,166	29.9	412	37.5	4,754	29.3
\$241 and over	6,582	38.1	0	0.0	6,582	40.6
Average/Median Deduction	\$273 / \$216		\$112 / \$60		\$284 / \$216	

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REPORTING STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
Quarterly Reporting	406,344	20.3	88,271	22.7	318,073	19.7
Change Reporting	391,532	19.6	23,950	6.2	367,582	22.8
Transitional Benefits	38,159	1.9	77	0.0	38,082	2.4
Semi-Annual Reporting	1,107,327	55.4	273,016	70.2	834,311	51.8
Other	56,111	2.8	3,561	0.9	52,550	3.3

Reporting Status Definitions :

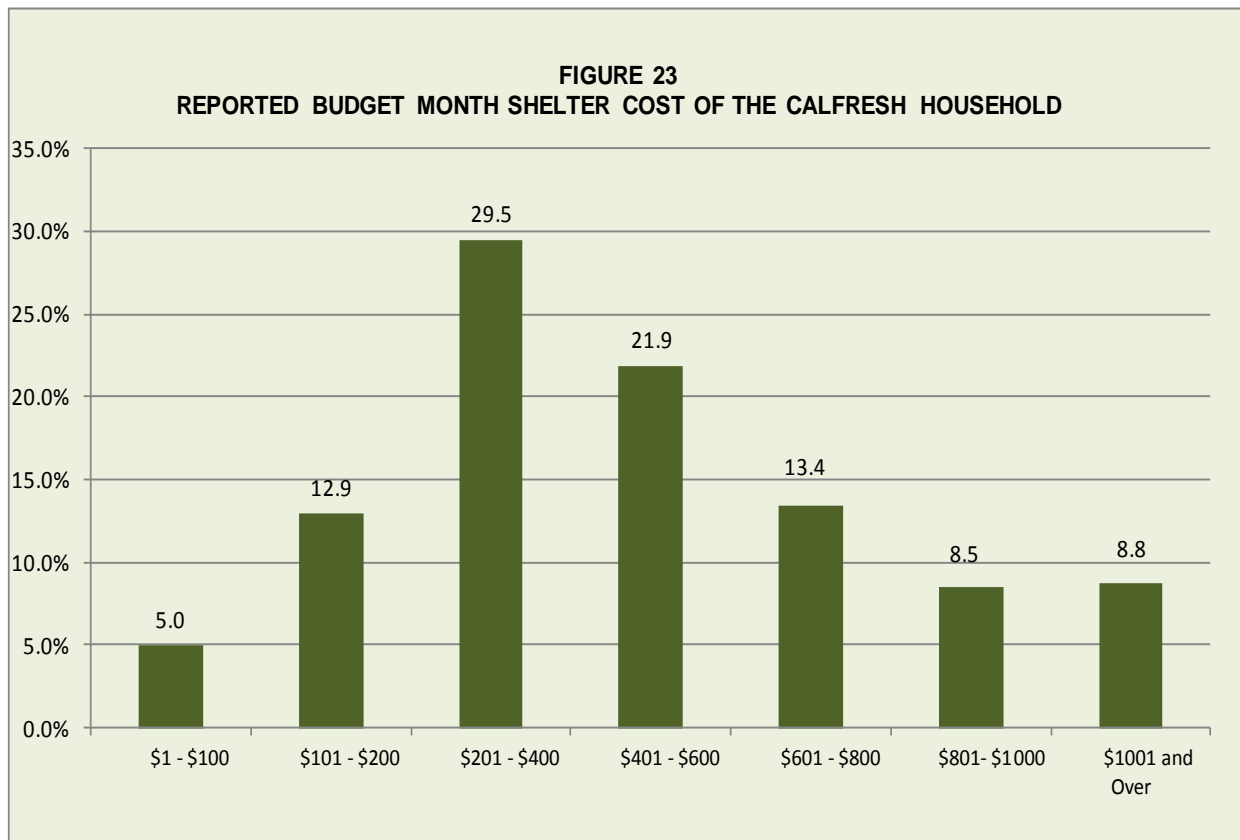
Quarterly Reporting - Households subject to the quarterly reporting requirements must submit complete reports on a quarterly basis.

Change Reporting - Households subject to the change reporting requirements must report certain changes in circumstances within ten days of becoming aware of the change.

Semi-Annual Reporting - Households subject to semi-annual reporting must submit redetermination/certification reports once a year.

Transitional Benefits - There are no reporting requirements during the transitional months.

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SHELTER COST	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,999,473	100.0	388,875	100.0	1,610,598	100.0
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	605,037	30.3	51,626	13.3	553,411	34.4
Households Reporting Shelter Cost	1,394,436	69.7	337,249	86.7	1,057,187	65.6
\$1 - \$100	69,522	5.0	15,670	4.6	53,852	5.1
\$101 - \$200	180,351	12.9	62,681	18.6	117,670	11.1
\$201 - \$400	411,018	29.5	120,716	35.8	290,302	27.5
\$401 - \$600	305,339	21.9	80,468	23.9	224,871	21.3
\$601 - \$800	187,523	13.4	30,266	9.0	157,257	14.9
\$801 - \$1000	118,287	8.5	19,230	5.7	99,057	9.4
\$1001 and Over	122,396	8.8	8,218	2.4	114,178	10.8
Average/Median Shelter Cost	\$519 / \$433		\$417 / \$360		\$552 / \$469	

Reliability Estimates for Selected Sample Sizes¹

Selected Sample Size	Characteristic Percent				
	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
	Estimated reliability at 95% confidence (+ or -):				
5,645	0.80%	1.04%	1.20%	1.27%	1.30%
4,300	0.91%	1.22%	1.40%	1.49%	1.52%
4,000	0.95%	1.26%	1.45%	1.55%	1.58%
3,300	1.04%	1.39%	1.60%	1.71%	1.74%
3,000	1.10%	1.46%	1.67%	1.79%	1.83%
2,700	1.15%	1.54%	1.78%	1.89%	1.92%
2,300	1.25%	1.67%	1.91%	2.04%	2.09%
1,500	1.55%	2.07%	2.37%	2.53%	2.58%
1,000	1.90%	2.53%	2.90%	3.10%	3.16%
500	2.68%	3.68%	4.10%	4.38%	4.47%
400	3.00%	4.00%	4.58%	4.90%	5.00%
300	3.46%	4.62%	5.29%	5.66%	5.77%
200	4.24%	5.66%	6.48%	6.93%	7.07%

Example: Figure 6 shows that 20.0 percent of the CalFresh recipients were White. The reliability chart shows a reliability of plus or minus 1.04 percent for a sample size of 5645. This means we are 95 percent confident that the true value lies between 21.04 percent and 18.96 percent (20.0 percent plus or minus 1.04 percent). That is, there is one chance in 20 (5.0 percent) that the true value falls outside this range.

¹ Reliability is based on an unrestricted random sample of **cases** and, as a result, the actual reliability of the data may be better than reflected in the table. Reliability does not apply to **persons** (recipient) data.

